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GENEVA FOR RMA NAIROBI FOR DART/REFCORD

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREF PREL PHUM EAID MOPS RW
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO THE FRENCH ON RWANDA

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: [REDACTED] INDICATE DISPLACED
PERSONS ARE NOW ON THE MOVE IN THE FRENCH SAFE ZONE IN
SOUTHWEST RWANDA AND ARE STARTING TO CROSS OVER INTO
BUKAVU IN ZAIRE. THIS MOVEMENT COULD ECLIPSE THE CRISIS
IN GOMA. THE HUTUS IN THE AREA MAY BE PERSUADED TO STAY
IF THE FRENCH PRESENCE REMAINS. THE FRENCH ARE ALSO
NEEDED FOR PROTECTION OF TUTSIS IN THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

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3. [REDACTED] INDICATE THAT
THOUSANDS OF RWANDANS HAVE BEGUN MOVING FROM THE FRENCH
SAFE ZONE IN SOUTHWEST RWANDA TO BUKAVU ACROSS THE BORDER
IN ZAIRE. THE MOVEMENT STARTED LAST NIGHT, AND UNHCR
REPORTS THAT BY AFTERNOON, 5,000 PEOPLE HAD ALREADY
CROSSED THE BORDER. NEW ARRIVALS WERE STILL COMING AT A
RATE OF 600 PEOPLE PER HOUR. THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED ONE

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MILLION DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE SAFE ZONE AND ANOTHER ONE TO ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION RESIDENTS. THE MAGNITUDE AND SPEED OF THE OUTFLOW INTO BUKAVU COULD WELL MATCH OR EXCEED THE EARLIER OUTFLOW INTO GOMA. UNHCR OFFICIALS FEAR THAT THE OUTFLOW INTO BUKAVU WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE THAN GOMA DUE TO FEW SUITABLE AREAS FOR SETTLEMENT SITES AND AN INADEQUATE AMOUNT OF

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PRE-POSITIONED RELIEF SUPPLIES. AMBASSADOR RAWSON IN KIGALI NOTED THAT THE FRENCH ARE THE ONLY VOICES THAT THE HUTUS IN THE ZONE MIGHT LISTEN TO, OTHER THAN THEIR OWN LEADERS WHO ARE PUSHING THEM TO FLEE.

4. OF ADDITIONAL CONCERN IS A CAMP OF OVER TEN THOUSAND TUTSIS LOCATED IN THE FRENCH ZONE JUST NORTH OF CYANGUGU IN NYARUSHISHI. THE POTENTIALLY HIGH NUMBERS OF HUTUS FLEEING THROUGH THE AREA POSE A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE TUTSIS. ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS COULD PROVE VOLATILE. REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THE PRESENCE OF 15-20 FRENCH TROOPS AROUND THE TUTSI CAMP. THEIR NUMBERS ARE NOT ENOUGH TO PREVENT A SIGNIFICANT DISASTER FROM OCCURRING.

5. FOR PARIS: WE URGE YOU TO MEET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND EXPRESS OUR CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS SEEKING REFUGE IN THE FRENCH HUMANITARIAN ZONE. STRESS THE NEED FOR CONTINUED FRENCH PRESENCE THERE ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL NUMBERS OF TROOPS IN THE AREAS OF MOVEMENT. URGE THE FRENCH TO TRY TO REASSURE THE POPULATION THAT IT WILL BE PROTECTED, BOTH BY THE FRENCH AND, ULTIMATELY, BY UNAMIR. ALSO ALERT THE FRENCH TO OUR CONCERN FOR THE OVER TEN THOUSAND DISPLACED TUTSIS IN THE PATH OF THE FLEEING HUTUS. ASK THE FRENCH TO MAKE SURE THIS GROUP IS PROTECTED, CONSISTENT WITH THE MANDATE OF OPERATION TURQUOISE.

6. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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